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In re application of:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR COUNTERACTING THE  
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS IN  
A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES  
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Stephen Choi

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and 1.121**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Box Amendments  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, Applicant submits the following  
Amendment and Reply.

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